



## CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation by the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission  
Regarding Honoring Teens program.

MEETING DATE: May 19, 1999

PREPARED BY: Community Center Coordinator

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission, in conjunction with the Lodi Sunrise Rotary Club, Christopher J. Olsen, American Express Financial Advisors, and Central Valley Waste Services is sponsoring a program entitled **Honoring Teens**. The Lodi Youth Commission Leadership Committee selects one teen to be awarded **Teen of the Month** from the applications submitted to the commission from the general public, various schools, and church groups. This month's **Teen of the Month** is **Lesley Holmes** from Lodi High School and the **Honorary Teen** of the Month is **Valiree Morris** from Tokay High School.

FUNDING: None Required.

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Janet S. Keenan for DF*  
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

## **Bio for City Council**

### **May Teen of the Month**

Leslie Holmes is a senior at Lodi High. Lesley is not only an excellent student but she is involved in several activities. She is the project director for FBLA, which is a giant task, especially this year since we are striving to become a Gold Seal Chapter. Lesley is also working at the Hutchins Street Square Senior Center helping the senior citizens become computer literate. She is active in her church as well as in several high school groups. Besides all of the above she holds a job after school and on weekends at Taco Bell. Lesley takes honors and AP classes in high school and earns excellent grades. Lesley takes honors and AP classes in high school and earns excellent grades. She is a personable, happy, easy-going young adult who is willing to assist people in a friendly and helpful manner. Lesley is a very deserving candidate.

### **May Honorary Teen of the Month**

Valiree Morris is in the tenth grade at Tokay High School. Valiree had become a friend of Sabrina, before she died in the car accident. In December of last year, Valiree invited Sabrina to Century's annual Singing Christmas Tree and she came. In one of the performances, Sabrina was given the chance to invite Jesus Christ into her life, and as a result, Sabrina is in heaven now. Also, because of Valiree's friendship with her, the door was opened for the funeral to be held at Century Assembly. Valiree is a faithful attendee at our youth group. She sings and plays keyboard and is on the drama team at her church. Valiree feels a call to full-time ministry when she graduates from high school and hopes to one-day minister to the lost in Africa.